

REMARKS

As for the Campbell reference claim 1 recites fixation which a bow spring centralizer can not do before or after delivery. The claim further makes clear that the fixation is after delivery. This amendment is fully supported in the specification that uses an illustration of the preferred embodiment as telescoping members that penetrate the borehole wall as one mode of fixation after delivery. The issues of what could be characterized as semantics of the use of the term “positioning” in the claim raised in the BPAI opinion are moot since that term is eliminated and fixation means putting the tubular in an immobile position after delivery. The bow spring centralizers of Campbell and Chatterji just can not do this.

As to claim 2, it now requires penetration that the extendable members of Wilson are deliberately prevented from doing.

Claim 1 is not obvious over Maguire. Claim 1 refers to an annular space defined by a borehole wall and uses fixation after tubular delivery to maintain that space. Maguire puts one pipe inside another and expands. Expansion in Maguire eliminates an annular space as it causes fixation. Claim 1 uses fixation to maintain the annular space.

Allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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